

**The City of Springfield, Ohio  
City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 25 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Forum**

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The meeting was called to order by President Copeland. Roll call was answered by Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

The invocation was offered by Mr. Copeland, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, members approved the minutes of the May 11, 2021, Legislative Meeting as presented.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**FIRST READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was read by title only for the first time and requires presentation at a second regular meeting before vote on passage:

**138-21 To amend Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by enacting new Chapter 377 titled *Electric Scooters (E-Scooters)*.**

Assistant to the City Manager Cobbs stated electric scooter vendors had expressed interest in offering the rental service in the city. The proposed new Codified Ordinance chapter was reviewed by multiple departments and addresses enforcement, violations and parking concerns. Electric scooters have specific hardware requirements and differ from mobility scooters. The chapter addresses shared scooters that are owned and maintained by a rental company, not privately owned scooters. Law Director Allen added wheelchairs and mobility scooters are regulated by the Ohio Revised Code.

**139-21 Confirming and approving a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with The Martin Living Trust via Barbara A. Martin, Trustee, to provide for water services to real property outside the City limits.**

**140-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Peterson Construction Company for the Primary Effluent Pumps Replacement and Electrical Upgrades Project for an amount not to exceed \$6,477,000.00.**

Service Director Moore described the modernization project which has been in a planning and design phase for five years.

**141-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Chemco Systems, LP for the Lime Slaker Upgrade Project for an amount not to exceed \$647,040.00.**

Mr. Moore explained lime is first solution used in the water treatment process, and the upgrade would replace 20-year old equipment. The proposed replacement equipment should have a 25-year lifespan.

**264-14 Amending the City's Mow to Own Program to enable City staff to record the property deed on behalf of the participant; and directing the City Manager, Law Director and Finance Director to do all things they consider necessary to carry out the Mow to Own Program.**

Community Development Deputy Director Thompson explained the proposed change would allow staff to record the transferred property deed on behalf of the applicants saving them time and effort.

**198-20 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 2 to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement Emergency Financial Hardship Assistance [CDBG 2020] with Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. to extend the contract completion date to April 30, 2021; and confirming and approving related expenditures from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021.**

Community Development Director Meadows explained the changes to both agreements with Neighborhood Housing Partnerships extend the contract period for both programs by four months and close out programs as the funding has ended. Mrs. Meadows also noted citizens could contact the Community Development Department at 937-324-7380 for additional information on rent and utility assistance options.

**142-21 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Subrecipient Funding Agreement COVID-19 Financial Hardship Assistance Program [HOME Tenant Based Assistance-CV 2020] with Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. to extend the contract completion date to April 30, 2021; and confirming and approving related expenditures from December 31, 2020 to April 30, 2021.**

## **SECOND READINGS—ORDINANCES**

The following legislation was presented for a second time:

**92-21      Ordinance No. 21-153: Amending the Zoning Map of Springfield, Ohio by rezoning 0.5 acre at 908 West North Street, Springfield, Ohio from RS-5, Low-Density, Single-Family Residence District to CC-2, Community Commercial District.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Item No. 92-21, tabled at the May 11, 2021, meeting, was removed from the table prior to discussion.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

Dr. Estrop commented on the property improvements made by the owner since the public hearing and first reading.

Mr. Larry Jones, 124 West North Street, spoke his concerns for child safety in the neighborhood in respect to additional traffic.

Mr. William Eubanks, 124 West North Street, spoke against the planned gasoline station on the subject property due to the traffic.

A resident of 2017 Providence, stated his concerns for traffic congestion in the area.

Mr. O'Neill reminded visitors the City Commissioners were reviewing a rezoning request only. The requested zoning would allow many commercial uses, but a gasoline station was not under consideration by the City Commission at this meeting.

Mrs. Chilton asked Mr. Thompson to further describe the proposed CC-2, Community Commercial zoning district. Mr. Thompson stated the CC-2 zoning is typically found along a commercial corridor similar to Bechtle Avenue and East Main Street. Other nearby properties are already zoned CC-2. If approved, the applicant could file an application for a conditional permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals to have a gasoline station. The property was previously zoned and used for automotive retail which would allow for gasoline pumps, but was rezoned to residential in 2001.

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**124-21      Ordinance No. 21-154: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Incentive Agreement (Single Family Residential Development) with Deborah M. Fitzpatrick to provide for water and sewer services to real property outside the City limits.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**126-21      Ordinance No. 21-155: Amending Ordinance No. 91-90, passed March 12, 1991, and commonly known as the Codified Ordinances of The City of Springfield, Ohio, by repealing and replacing Chapter 916 entitled *Use of Public Sewers*.**

Mr. Moore explained the proposed changes meet the requirements of both the Ohio and United States Environmental Protection Agencies.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

## **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**11-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-156: Providing for Supplemental Appropriations within various funds; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**10-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-157: Amending Ordinance No. 21-14 to revise the transfer of monies authorized; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**125-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-158: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for demolition services with Tony Smith dba Tony Smith Wrecking & Trucking for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**139-18      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-159: Authorizing the City to retain membership in The Ohio Benefits Cooperative, Inc. ("OBC") regional council of governments, to participate in its OBC Medical Purchasing Cooperative and authorizing the City Manager, Law Director, Director of Finance and Personnel Director to do all things necessary for compliance with OBC By-Laws and the Jefferson Health Plan Agreement ("JHP"), all to provide medical and prescription drug coverage benefits for the City's employees; authorizing expenditures necessary to fulfill the City's obligations under the said By-Laws and JHP agreement; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**143-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-160: Authorizing the renewal purchase of 610 Google Workspace Business Licenses and support from SHI International Corp., for an amount not to exceed \$419,466.50 for a five-year term, through Omnia Partners, pursuant to the Omnia Partners Contract Purchasing Cooperative Program, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Mr. Rue asked if the software license total was for one year or over a five-year period. Finance Director Beckdahl confirmed the price was for the five-year term and stated the software was used by all employees for email and other business applications.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**144-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-161: Authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the Defense Logistics Agency of two (2) Kawasaki KAF400-A Mules valued at \$7,252 each, for a total value of \$14,504; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Police Chief Graf explained the utility vehicles would be used in areas not easily accessed by regular vehicles and were made available at no cost to the city other than transportation.

On motion of Mr. Rue, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**145-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-162: Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and enter into a Cooperative Agreement to finance the WTP Lime Slaker Upgrade Project with the Ohio Water Development Authority ("OWDA"); and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**146-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-163: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Carpenter Marty Transportation, Inc. for the Columbia Street Streetscape Enhancement Project for an amount not to exceed \$88,936.97; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Mrs. Chilton asked for additional details of the project, and Mr. Heck explained the contract covers the design work for the area around Fountain Avenue west to the Columbia Street Cemetery. The project will include improvements to sidewalk areas and ways to slow traffic down for improved safety in the downtown area.

On motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**147-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-164: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement with Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc. for the 2022 Waterline Replacement Project to increase the contract in an amount not to exceed \$23,068.42, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$58,722.16; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**184-20      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-165: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into LPA Agreement No. 35221 - Amendment No. 2 between the City and the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the CLA SR 72-6.83 Project, PID No. 113792 to provide clarity regarding the funding sources; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mrs. Chilton, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**24-19      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-166: Consenting to an improvement by the resurfacing of North Street between Lagonda Avenue and Limestone Street, and U.S. 40 between Lagonda Avenue and Greenmount**

Avenue, (project identified as CLA - US 40D/40 0.00-13.76, PID No. 103332); requesting cooperation of the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio in the planning, design and construction of such improvement; providing for the maintenance of said improvement; authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio necessary to complete the planning and construction of this improvement; and declaring an emergency therein.

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

**148-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-167: Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate and sign a Municipal General Warranty Deed conveying certain property no longer needed for municipal purposes to Maustoll Holdings, LLC; and declaring an emergency therein.**

Dr. Estrop asked Mr. John Maurer representing Maustoll Holdings to speak on the proposed property purchase at Airpark Ohio Industrial Park. Mr. Maurer described the plan to construct a new 43,000sf building for Esterline & Sons Manufacturing on 8.55 acres starting Fall 2021. The business currently has 55 employees and plans to increase that number.

Dr. Estrop spoke on the activity growth of the airport and surrounding area. Mr. O'Neill spoke his appreciation for Mr. Maurer's former service on the JEDD Board and continued business operations in the area.

On motion of Dr. Estrop, seconded by Mr. Rue, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

The following emergency legislation was presented for the first time:

**151-21      Emergency Ordinance No. 21-168: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement by and between the City and the Supreme Court of Ohio to accept a grant providing funding up to an amount of \$30,383.96, to purchase technology goods and services to aid in the orderly use of technology for court proceedings; authorizing the City Manager, Finance Director and Court Administrator of the Municipal Court to do all things necessary to implement said Grant Agreement and to comply with all relevant local, state and federal legal requirements; and declaring an emergency therein.**

On motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the ordinance was passed.

Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**2-21**      Dr. Estrop thanked the City Commissioners and staff for flowers sent following his mother's passing.

**127-21**      Dr. Estrop also stated his support of the 2021-2022 City Commission Goals and Objectives adopted at the May 11, 2021, meeting.

**134-21**      Dr. Estrop commended the City Commissioners for the passage of legislation to sell the former Kroger store to Groceryland, Inc. at the May 11, 2021, meeting, and the staff for their efforts related to the sale.

**2-21**      Mrs. Chilton reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**2-21**      Mr. Copeland spoke against efforts on the state level to change how income tax is collected for employees working in the city but residing elsewhere. Mr. Copeland noted the City takes great effort to bring businesses here only to have income tax collected elsewhere would be detrimental.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**2-21**      Mr. Basil Fett, 806 South Fountain Avenue, spoke on the efforts of the Alternative Energy Committee.

**2-21**      Mr. Bob Hulsizer, 1909 West Washington, spoke on the placement and dedication of an original National Road mile marker #305 at a planting area at Main and Snyder Streets. Mr. Hulsizer also spoke on the Columbia Street Cemetery project underway.

**2-21**      Mr. Harold Frost, 2043 Armsgate, thanked City Commissioners for allowing Community Development Director Shannon Meadows to receive an award during the preceding Work Session.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

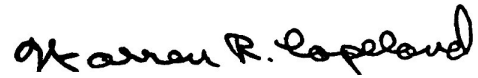
The following communications were received and filed:

**53-21**      Minutes from the April 12, 2021, meeting of the National Trail Parks and Recreation District Board.

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Chilton, seconded by Dr. Estrop, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

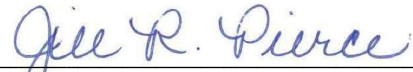
Yeas, Mrs. Chilton, Dr. Estrop, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Rue, and Mr. Copeland.

Yeas 5, Nays 0.



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PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



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CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION